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VON TIRPITZ SUGGESTS BLOCKADE

Renewal of Submarine Warfare Against Certain of the English Harbors Is Policy Now Advanced in Germany

Berlin, Oct. 6.—A submarine blockade of certain English harbors was suggested to the government by several leaders of the von Tirpitz faction, advocating a resumption of submarine warfare, it was learned today. The von Tirpitz supporters offered this suggestion as a compromise. They urged that such a course would be in accord with the chancellor's announced determination of prosecuting a vigorous war against England and would cut off English food and ammunition supplies without endangering the lives or property of neutrals. The government is not impressed by the suggestion and there is no present indication that it will be put into force. The wrangle between the von Tirpitzes and the government newspapers continues without abatement, but the conviction is growing that the efforts to overthrow the chancellor are doomed to failure and that there will be no change in the personnel of the government during the war. Americans believe reports that a new crisis in German-American relations threatens are without foundation.

The present reichstag fight appears to be the final effort of the conservatives, wealthy industrialists, annexationists and agrarians to get control of the government. Their allies are lobbying and using every effort to overthrow the chancellor, but Bethmann-Hollweg appears stronger today than he did last June, when the fight on him was started.

The government is showing no weakness, but is grabbing the bull by the horns. Foreign Secretary von Jagow daily receives leaders of each party, explaining his position confidentially. Vice-Chancellor Helfferich does the same.

A trusted German official, one of the best informed men here, who knows the United States and American sentiment well, declared confidently to the United Press today that the present political explosion will not bring the downfall of either Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg or Foreign Secretary von Jagow. Neither does it forecast a resumption of reckless submarine warfare, as some neutrals seem to believe, he said.

"But some Americans fear that the submarinings may commence again," he was told. "Americans traveling in Germany are told by business men that submarining should be resumed." "It would be insanity for the government to resume the former submarine policy just because the wild Tages Zeitung (one of the most energetic supporters of the von Tirpitz policy) should demand it," the German official replied. "It would be insanity to invite the whole world to enter the war against Germany unless there was absolute proof that the war could be ended immediately with a German victory."

"I do not believe half the people of Germany want the submarine war resumed. Even if there was a change in the chancellorship, the next chancellor could not change the government's policy without guaranteeing that he would win the war by so doing. The whole object of the war is to end it. No one should be so wild as to want to fight with two-edged swords and pistols in each hand, when he would injure himself more than his enemy."

"My own opinion is that submarine warfare is a policy which will not be resumed on page 2)

OFFER REWARD FOR APPREHENSION OF CATTLE SLAYERS

A reward of \$100 has been offered by the county court for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties guilty of the malicious killing of cattle in the Murphy district. The sheriff's office has obtained a number of placards giving notice of the reward and these are being posted in the Applegate valley, where they will come to the notice of all interested parties.

A great deal of feeling is being aroused by the dastardly killing of the seven or eight head of cattle, and if the responsible persons are apprehended they will no doubt be suitably punished. Some of the cattle killed are said to have been steers fat enough to have made excellent beef, but they were shot down and left to rot in the hills. Suspicion is said to have been directed in one direction, and when investigation was carried forward the parties suspected of knowledge of the affair maintained that no firearms were ever kept upon the premises. It is believed that the offering of the reward will bring out the evidence sought and place the blame where it belongs.

M'NICHOLAS IS AGAIN IN TOILS

James H. McNicholas, who swindled the people of the east out of several hundred thousands of dollars in fake mining operations in Josephine county a few years ago and buncoed local people in an effort to perpetrate a similar promotion fraud with the brick and tile plant at Tolo, is again under arrest after three years of liberty following a sensational escape from an Ohio state prison.

Just as he stepped from the gang-plank of a steamer bringing him home from Europe, McNicholas was arrested by Federal authorities at New York on charges of using the mails to defraud in promoting a mining stock swindle. McNicholas had spent most of the time in Europe selling munitions to the allies.

A chauffeur who aided McNicholas to escape is now serving sentence in the Federal prison at Atlanta. After his escape McNicholas went to Canada, out of the jurisdiction of the United States, and subsequently to Europe.

McNicholas and his brother, Tom H. McNicholas, are jointly accused of perpetrating the fraud. After the discovery of the evidence by post office inspectors, the men disappeared, but James H. was arrested just as he was about to depart for Scotland. The other brother is supposed to be there now.

The men are charged with selling stock in a gold mine near Sand Point, Idaho. This mine, however, consisted principally of sagebrush and sand, the inspectors say. Ohio people of means are the chief victims.

In Josephine county McNicholas optioned five placer mines around Galice, including the Old Channel mine, formed a merger of them and sold stock in the holding company, representing that the company owned the properties.

SETS ASIDE WAR PROFITS TO ALLEVIATE SUFFERING

San Francisco, Oct. 6.—All the profits made from the European war by W. A. Clark, Jr., son of former Senator Clark, Montana copper king, are being set aside to alleviate suffering in France when the war ends. Today Clark, who is visiting here, stated that he has over \$2,000,000 in the fund for this purpose, representing profits from war materials and from rises in "war brides."

"This war is terrible. I want no profit from it," said Clark today.

TO COLONIZE S. AMERICA WITH POLES

Russia Said to Be Negotiating With Countries South for Placing a Million Russian Poles in Colonies

Washington, Oct. 6.—Russia is negotiating with South American republics for the colonization of over one million Russian Poles in Latin America. Five hundred thousand will be distributed in Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia, if the Russian plans succeed, and the remainder will be placed in Argentina and Chile.

This was learned by the United Press today on unquestionable authority.

Several months ago a Russian commission of 12 members, en route to South America, came to Washington for certain letters of introduction. They presented letters here from Hudson Maxim, the explosives inventor and member of the DuPont Powder company, and from Senator O'Gorman of New York.

They received letters to South American personages from John Barrett, director of the Pan-American union. They did not go to the state department for any letters of recommendation.

Upon arriving in South America the commission split up into three groups. One, composed of Joseph Dalinda, publisher of a financial paper in Petrograd, and Marc Bounimovitch, a Petrograd banker, went to Caracas, capital of Venezuela, where they are now conducting the negotiations with the ministry of development. At first they discussed purely formal matters, chiefly concerning possible arrangements to purchase Venezuelan's entire yearly crop of coffee, cocoa and mahogany direct from the growers. Before the war Russia had bought large quantities of these Venezuelan products through French and German houses, principally the latter.

It developed, however, that the chief object of their visit—and the Russian visitors were frank about it, it is said—was to obtain the sanction of the Venezuelan government to the sending over of hundreds of thousands of Russian Poles to be settled on agricultural and grazing lands.

Under Venezuelan laws, these immigrants, if admitted, would each be entitled to 300 acres of land. The Russian government, it is understood, proposed to subsidize the colonists, paying their passage and providing

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RICH IDAHOAN ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Wallace, Idaho, Oct. 6.—On trial for killing Clarence Dalquist, musician, Herman J. Rossi, one of Idaho's wealthiest men, will attempt to escape punishment by alleging that Dalquist wrecked his home. This was made evident today by the questions which Defense Counsel W. H. Plummer, of Spokane, asked prospective jurors.

The defense will attempt to prove that Dalquist with a party of friends visited Mrs. Rossi's home last June while Rossi was in Boise. Liquor is declared to have been drunk during the visit.

Rossi returned from Boise late the following afternoon. He went directly from his home to Samuel's hotel, where he shot Dalquist, who died the next day without making a statement.

ROBBERS GET JEWELS AT KERBY

Hotel Room Is Entered and Rings and Other Jewelry Of Much Value Are Made Away With By Sly Thief

The police department of this city has been notified that thieves entered the room of a school teacher at Boyd's hotel, at Kerby, and stole a quantity of jewelry and a \$20 bill, the theft having occurred probably some time Wednesday. Among the jewelry taken were two solitaire diamond rings, one diamond of a full carat in weight and the other a half carat. There was also a ring with a ruby setting, the stone a carat in weight. Gold beads, a chain and locket, and other jewelry were included in the loot taken from the room.

A man who had been working around Kerby was suspected of the robbery, and Chief McLane took him into custody when he arrived in this city Thursday and searched his belongings, but could find none of the missing property. This man, with a companion, left Thursday morning for the north, and at Roseburg they were again searched by officers, still without results. On the theory that they were working upon the right scene, the officers wired ahead to Portland, and there the search will be continued, as it is thought possible that the thieves, whoever they may have been, mailed or expressed the jewels to themselves or to pals in the metropolis for disposition.

WOMAN KILLED BY A JEALOUS WIFE

Willows, Cal., Oct. 6.—Jealous because she feared her victim was about to steal her husband's love, Mrs. H. C. Tipton, aged 30, today shot and killed Miss Birdie Noble, aged 20, and then committed suicide.

Miss Noble lodged at the Tipton home and worked in Tipton's candy store in a local hotel. Mrs. Tipton had been exceedingly jealous of her recently. She left a note, written before the tragedy, in which she revealed her intention to kill her youngest boy, but the lad was not at home and escaped.

Mrs. Tipton's note follows: "I can stand it no longer. She shall not have you. I will take our youngest boy with me." The Tiptons and Miss Noble came here from Colusa, Cal.

PEACE MOVE NOT WANTED BY ALLIES

Rome, Oct. 6.—The allies have informed the Dutch government that any move toward peace on the part of Holland would be construed as a pro-German act, it was learned today.

This is the first hint that Holland has been feeling out peace sentiment among the belligerents.

Exactly when this information was sent to The Hague is not known here. The fact that such action was taken was disclosed in discussion of the Lloyd-George interview, warning neutrals not to interfere at this time. Well informed circles here say that the allies are reconciled to the probability that the war will last at least three years more.

TIMBER OWNERS SEEK REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENT

Objecting to the value placed upon their timber holdings in Josephine county by the assessor and the board of equalization, three owners of timber lands, through E. H. Richard, attorney, have started proceedings to have the assessment reduced. The parties to the action are Seymour H. Bell, the Hewitt Land Company, and Chas. S. Dickinson, trustee. The holdings of the parties represent 25 or 30 separate tracts.

In making the assessment against the property, the timber was valued by the board of equalization at \$1 per M upon the estimate of merchantable timber upon the land, this figure including the Douglas fir and the cedar. Practically all the timber is classified as fir. In the complaint filed by Attorney Richard for his clients, it is set forth that the pine should not be assessed at more than \$1, while fir and cedar should not be valued for assessment purposes at to exceed 30 cents per M. Upon this basis, the value of the holdings represented would be only about one-third that placed upon it by the assessor and the board of equalization, the reduction being governed by the kind and amount of timber. As assessments are supposedly based upon the cash valuation of properties, the county will defend itself by maintaining that \$1 per M is a reasonable cash valuation to place upon the timber of the parties to the action.

"MOTHER JONES" AGAIN GETS BUSY

New York, Oct. 6.—"Mother" Jones' instructions to striking men's wives to "play hell," showed net results today in appearance in police court of three men and six women, arrested after one of the fiercest melees the traction strike has yet developed.

Charges were made today that police clubbed some of the women in the mob that rushed from the hall where "Mother" Jones spoke and, with her burning injunction fresh in mind, attacked a surface car at 86th and Second avenue, smashing all windows and almost wrecking the woodwork. In fact one patrolman exhibited a splintered club he had wielded on the maddened women.

"Don't think too much of being ladies," was "Mother" Jones' advice. "I'd rather be called 'That old she-devil,' as some of the capitalists call me, than to be called a lady. I've looked out of bars in many a bull-pen, and I'm still able to raise hell. Now, you women, help your men." The spirit seemed to creep into the women's blood. Many of them with babies in arms rushed out of the hall. They seized bricks, chunks of asphalt—anything—and went ahead. They fought like mad. Officers engaged in quieting them said that the crowd was the worst they ever had encountered.

A saloon conversation, in which it is alleged the killing of President Shontz and Manager Hedley, of the Interborough, was urged as strike settlement means, led today to the arrest of Oscar Wallace and John J. Sheehan, striking carmen.

WALTER L. TOOZE HEADS OREGON HUGHES ALLIANCE

Portland, Oct. 6.—Walter L. Toose, of Salem, was elected president of the Oregon Branch National Hughes Alliance at its state-wide meeting here today.

Frank B. Mitchell, of Baker, is second vice-president. All other officers were filled by women.

J. R. Harvey spent Thursday in Medford attending to business.

SAYS KAISER IS SEEKING PEACE

New York Paper States Ambassador Gerard Is Bringing Request That Pres. Wilson Act For Warring Nations

New York, Oct. 6.—Ambassador Gerard, according to the Evening Post this afternoon, is bringing to President Wilson an application from Germany for the president to use his good offices in suing for peace. The Post's article says:

"Germany has definitely decided to apply to President Wilson to use his good offices in suing for peace with the allies. This was learned today from sources 'in a position to have absolutely trustworthy information' on these matters."

"It is understood that Ambassador James W. Gerard, who is on his way over here, will lay the kaiser's request before President Wilson within a week. Important banking interests in close touch with Germany's plans pointed out today that a great many nations were involved in the European conflict, and hence might elapse before peace would be finally consummated, even in the event that President Wilson intervened as mediator."

"Ambassador Gerard is on board the steamship Frederick VIII, which left from the other side last Sunday, and is due here, according to offices of the line, probably on Tuesday next. 'Corroboration of the statement from other sources on this side of the water which might be described as 'highest authority' came this afternoon to substantiate the belief in financial circles."

"The main statement, made with great positiveness today, tends to confirm the rumors that have been afloat for months."

"It is generally believed that, in view of recent events of the war, the terms the Teutonic empire would agree to would be much more reasonable than those which have been suggested from time to time from Berlin as a basis for ending the conflict."

Washington, Oct. 6.—In the absence of Secretary Lansing this afternoon, Counselor Polk, of the state department, declared the department has no knowledge of any peace proposals from Germany that might be carried by Ambassador Gerard, now en route home from Berlin for a vacation. He said the department had no information of any intention on Germany's part to suggest that the United States act as mediator between the warring nations.

At the time of the publication of the recent United Press interview with Lloyd-George, in which the British war minister said any peace movement from a neutral at this time would be regarded as unneutral and pro-German, it was declared here there was no change in this government's decision not to advance peace suggestions until it was certain they would be acceptable to both sides.

FAIR BASEBALL WEATHER WILL BE PROVIDED

Washington, Oct. 6.—Pretty fair baseball weather will be provided for that opening game at Boston tomorrow. Tonight will be fair in Boston, the United States weather bureau said today, and tomorrow, likewise, will be fair, although somewhat cooler.